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To W. H. SWAIN.-We do not believe that the false prophet of the book of Revelation is the Mohammedan power. In *Revelation 19:20* it is said the false prophet wrought miracles before the beast, “with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshiped his image.” *Chapter 13* says it is the two-horned beast which deceives them that dwell on the earth by the miracles which he does in the sight of the beast, and causes the dwellers on the earth to worship the beast, to make an image to him, and to receive his mark. Comparing these two chapters of this book we learn that the two-horned beast is the false prophet. But Mohammedanism never caused men to worship the first beast-the papacy. These powers have always been in antagonism; therefore Mohammedanism cannot be the false prophet, for it has always acted just the reverse of what is ascribed to the false prophet. For a full exposition of the subject, see a pamphlet for sale at this office entitled, *The United States in the Light of Prophecy*. *SITI February 13, 1879, page 52.1*

To W. M. SMITH.-The propriety of partaking of the Lord’s supper with other denominations does not at all depend on the nature of the invitation given. We consider it quite inconsistent by those who keep all the commandments of God to commune with those who ignore the keeping of them, either in whole or in part. *SITI February 13, 1879, page 52.2*

How do you harmonize *Revelation 21:1*, where it says “there was no more sea,” with *Revelation 5:13*, where it speaks of every creature *in the sea* praising God? E. J. W. *SITI February 13, 1879, page 52.3*

ANSWER.—Several translations, as Anderson’s, Whiting’s, Sawyer’s, and the Syriac, give the more literal rendering, “and the

sea was no more.” Doubtless this referred to the sea which was connected with the first earth, which was also “passed away.” The old earth and the old sea were passed away and were no more. The new earth will then have a sea of its own.*SITI February 13, 1879, page 52.4*

